

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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MACHINES TO IDENTIFY FAKE NOTE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether necessary machines are not available in the Indian Banks to identify the fake currency notes;
- (b) whether the Government propose to make available such machines in most of the banks in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which such machines are likely to be made available ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- a) While the higher denomination notes of Rs.500/- and Rs.1000/- with Mahatma Gandhi Watermark containing special features can be verified with the help of the Ultra Violet Lamps, most of the other bank notes have to be verified for their genuineness only by human examination with reference to the quality of paper, watermark, security thread and printing features etc.
- b) & c) While sixty per cent bank branches have been provided with Ultra Violet Lamps particularly covering their currency chest and other heavy cash handling branches, remaining branches are in the process of installing such Lamps.
- d) The Reserve Bank of India has been directed to ensure installation of Ultra Violet Lamps in all bank branches in the country by December, 31st 2001.